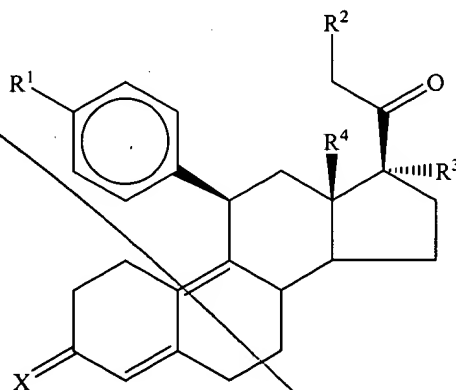


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 41 without prejudice and amend claims 1, 3, 6 and 18 to read as follows. All claims pending, including those unchanged by the present amendment, are reproduced in Appendix A for the convenience of the Examiner. If there is a conflict between the "clean" version of the claims below, and the "version with markings to show changes made," the "clean" version shall control.

1 1. (Twice Amended) A compound having the general formula:



wherein:

R^1 is a member selected from the group consisting of $-OCH_3$, $-SCH_3$, $-N(CH_3)_2$, $-NHCH_3$, $-NC_4H_8$, $-NC_5H_{10}$, $-NC_4H_8O$, $-CHO$, $-CH(OH)CH_3$, $-C(O)CH_3$, $-O(CH_2)_2N(CH_3)_2$, $-O(CH_2)_2NC_4H_8$, and $-O(CH_2)_2NC_5H_{10}$;

R^2 is a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, acyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, acyloxy, alkylcarbonate, cypionyloxy, S-alkyl, $-SCN$, S-acyl, and $-OC(O)R^6$, wherein R^6 is a member selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy ester and alkoxy;

R^3 is a member selected from the group consisting of alkyl-alkoxy, alkoxy and acyloxy;

R^4 is a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl;

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14 X is a member selected from the group consisting of =O and =N-OR⁵, wherein R⁵
15 is a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl; and
16 wherein:
17 if R¹ is -N(CH₃)₂ or -NHCH₃, R² is hydrogen, R³ is acetyloxy and R⁴ is methyl,
18 then X is other than =O; and
19 if R¹ is -N(CH₃)₂, R² is hydroxy, R⁴ is alkyl and X is =O, then R³ is other than
20 hydroxy.

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3 member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, acyloxy, alkoxy, -SAc, -SCN,
4 -OC(O)CH₂N(CH₃)₂, and -OC(O)R⁶, wherein R⁶ is a member selected from the group consisting
of alky, alkoxy ester and alkoxy.

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6. (Twice Amended) The compound in accordance with claim 1, wherein R³
is a member selected from the group consisting of alkoxy and acyloxy.

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18. (Amended) The compound in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
3 R¹ is -N(CH₃)₂;
4 R² is hydrogen;
5 R³ is methoxy;
6 R⁴ is methyl; and
X is =O.